

# 2016 Matrix Umpqua Valley

#### VINTAGE

Similar to the last two vintages, the 2016 growing season was one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity. ~ Oregon Wine Board

#### **VINEYARD**

Grapes were 100% grown and hand harvested at **Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards**; a 200 acre property (40 vineyard acres) in a cool region of the Umpqua Valley. On the property are two south-facing hillsides, named **Prayer Rock and Romancing Rock Vineyards**, with steep hillside slopes (ranging from 15-40%). The nearby **Umpqua River** creates cool evening temperatures, and ripening period diurnal differences of 30-40 degrees, which helps maintain natural acidity and promotes intense flavor development.

#### WINEMAKING

Grapes were whole-cluster pressed and innoculated in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation temperatures were kept cool to maintain fruit aromas and character. Aged for 6 months sur lie in stainless steel and Oak, and aged an additional 12 months in bottle before release.

Blended with:

14% Roussanne

10% Chardonnay

24% Semillon

26% Muscat

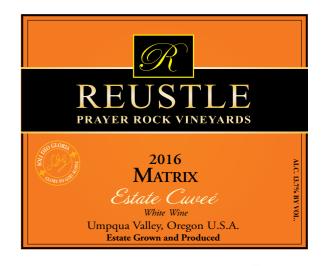
10% Viognier

16% Riesling

#### Press Highlights:

2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - Gold

Peach balanced
green tea Tropical Fruit acidity
Honeysuckle Quince
luscious mouthfeel Lychee
Fresh floral Ripe Fruit



## TECHNICAL DATA

Brix @ Harvest: 22.5

Harvest Date: Early October

Alcohol: 13.7%

Fermented In: 80% Stainless Steel

254

10% American Oak 10% French Oak

Residual Sugar: 1%

Cases Produced:

# VINEYARD DATA

Elevation: 460 - 660'

Aspect/Slope: South-facing,

5-40% slope

Vine Age: 8-14 Years

Soil Types: Oakland, Pengra, &

Sutherlin Silt Loam

### FOOD PAIRING

Halibut, Asian Style Duck, Lobster



